

Atherton may yet visit Damascus

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R). — The United States has dismissed with Syria the possibility of a visit by President Carter's special Middle East envoy Alfred Atherton, but he has no present plan to go to Damascus, the State Department said today. Spokesman Hodding Carter, who declined to go into details of the discussions, told reporters: "At some appropriate time the possibility of a trip by Mr. Atherton to Syria is not excluded." "We have been, and continue to be, kept Syria informed regularly of developments in the peace negotiations..." the State Department spokesman added. "We continue to hope that in the future Syria's leaders will decide it is in their interest to return the overall peace process."

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Egypt stages "practical" manoeuvre in southern military sector

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (AP). — The Egyptian air force today staged "an advance practical" manoeuvre with live ammunition in the country's southern military sector, the Middle East News Agency reported. It said the manoeuvre, witnessed by War Minister Mohammad Abdul Ghani Gamassi and Air Force Commander Mahmoud Shaker Abdul Mune'eb, involved a dog fight and mock attacks on ground targets. Sophisticated air-to-ground missiles, modified by the Egyptians to suit modern warfare, were used in the manoeuvre, the agency added without giving types or further details.

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Palestinian issue remains main bone of contention between Egypt, Israel, Atherton says in Cairo

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (R). — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton said here to the Palestinian issue still remains the main stumbling block to agreement on a declaration of principles for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Mr. Atherton told reporters after a 90-minute discussion with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel: "In terms of the negotiations on the draft declaration of principles, the Palestinian question remains the most difficult part of the draft declaration, and it is one we are continuing to give particular attention to."

Mr. Kamel said the gap which remained but added: "The negotiations are still going on and the intention is to narrow the gap. This will take time."

Mr. Kamel criticised Israel's failure not to change its position.

Owen back in London voices new confidence in M.E. peace prospects

NDON, Feb. 28 (R). — British Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen returned home from the Middle East today and expressed new confidence in the course of the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks.

Dr. Owen, who had talks with Israeli and Jordanian leaders, believed the peace initiative was beginning to pick momentum again.

"At one stage one wondered whether the talks had gone off rails, but now they are beginning to pick up," he told reporters on his arrival at London airport.

He had had discussions with Israeli Premier Mr. Begin and was prepared to be flexible some of his proposals which were not acceptable to the Egyptians.

Dr. Owen stressed that the outcome of the peace talks is of crucial importance to the West: "The Middle East in 1973 triggered off an economic recession and that could happen again. The opportunity for peace is an immense prize and we must do everything possible to achieve it." The foreign secretary said Israel's role in the talks was of central importance. But what happens is of crucial interest to European community countries as a whole.

Dr. Owen told a news conference in Israel yesterday that found it difficult to see how progress could be made on the West Bank issue without Jordanian participation.

Dr. Owen said he had not spent much time discussing the creation of Jewish settlements in the occupied lands, but he and Britain agreed with the

World News Roundup

Begin due in Washington March 13

ASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies). — The White House formally announced yesterday that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin would arrive here March 13 for discussions with President Carter on Middle East peace negotiations. Mr. Begin will meet with the president March 14 and 15 "to conduct an extensive review of progress made in the Arab-Israeli negotiations and how to proceed to a comprehensive peace," said White House Press Secretary Jody Powell. Mr. Powell declined to comment on a decision Sunday by the Israeli cabinet not to change its policy on settlements in occupied Arab lands. The Carter administration opposes the settlements as an obstacle to peace and on the grounds that they violate international law. The main emphasis of the talks was expected to be U.S. disapproval of Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory, Israel's alarm over the administration's proposal to sell jet planes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and ways to resume stalled peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel.

Syrian envoy carries letters to King Khalid, Gulf states

DAMASCUS, Syria, Feb. 28 (AP). — A special Syrian emissary flew to Riyadh today with a letter from President Hafez Assad to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. The contents of the letter, being carried by Adib Daoudi, a presidential adviser, were not disclosed, but were believed to deal with Syria's continued opposition to President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative. Mr. Daoudi, it was officially announced here, will also carry similar letters to the rulers of other oil states — Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Faiz Butros in Damascus for talks

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R). — Lebanese Foreign Minister Faiz Butros left Beirut today for a short visit to Damascus during which he will deliver a message from President Elias Sarkis to Syrian President Hafez Assad. Official sources said Mr. Butros would have talks on bilateral relations, the Middle East crisis and renewal of the mandate of the mainly Syrian peace force in Lebanon. The mandate of the 30,000-man Arab peace force, which brought the troubles to an end in most parts of Lebanon 15 months ago, expires on April 26. The peace force entered Lebanon under an Arab League decision, but the league council is unlikely to meet to decide on the renewal in view of the split in the Arab world over Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's moves towards peace with Israel.

Sweden to protest presence of Soviet nuclear subs in Baltic

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 28 (AP). — Sweden will express concern to the Soviet Union about six Russian submarines carrying nuclear missiles that patrol the Baltic Sea, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said today. "We don't like it," ministry spokesman Lars Rohmet said. He said the flotilla was stationed permanently in the sea between Sweden and Russia about one year ago. "We plan to take up this question on a diplomatic level," he said. Foreign Minister Karin Soder revealed the presence of the Russian subs in an interview published Tuesday in a Stockholm newspaper. "Credibility of political doctrine could be hurt if the superpowers do not act with efficiency to limit the armament instead of developing new nuclear weapons and spreading existing weapons to new areas," Mrs. Soder told the newspaper.



Egypt's Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel (left) is seen with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton Tuesday after a one-hour meeting in Cairo during which they discussed Israel's counter-proposals to the Middle East peace effort. (AP wirephoto)

Kyprianou sworn in as president of Cyprus

Holds out olive branch to Egypt

TON HOTEL 10 days ago told the court Mr. Khadar had informed the hostages he and his co-accused had come to Cyprus specially to kill Mr. Sibai. The hearing continues.

Egypt has demanded the extradition of the two men but Cyprus has refused, further aggravating the crisis in relations.

Mr. Kyprianou said today Cyprus, going through the most critical moments in its history, needed the friendship of all countries.

Most of his speech was devoted to a re-statement of his government's policy towards settlement with the Turkish Cypriots whose self-proclaimed Turkish federated state occupies more than a third of the island and following the Turkish landing of 1974.

Mr. Kyprianou assured relatives of 2,800 Greek Cypriots alleged to be missing as a result of the invasion that he would not cease in his efforts to trace their loved ones.

The president promised Greek Cypriot refugees now living in the south that he would not stop fighting for their return, and he assured the Greek Cypriot people as a whole he would strive hard and consistently for their physical and national survival.

And he assured Turkish Cypriots that their Greek Cypriot fellow countrymen did not regard them as enemies. "We all look forward to the day when we shall live together again in fraternity and love in a free country," he said.

Georgiou told the court Mr. Khadar made this statement to several hostages he and his alleged murderer accomplice were holding at gunpoint in Nicosia's Hilton Hotel on Feb. 18, immediately after Sibai was shot in a hotel corridor.

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The two were arrested by Cyprus authorities when they surrendered immediately after

Weizman says Shiloh settlement in W. Bank may be closed down

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (R). — Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman indicated today that the settlement by Jewish ultra-nationalists at Shiloh on the occupied West Bank might be closed unless excavations began soon, Israel Radio said.

He said the government would have to reconsider its permission for their residence at the site, the radio said.

His remarks to a secret meeting of the Knesset Defence and Security Committee followed a statement last night by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan that the government had established no new Jewish settlements in occupied areas since taking office last year.

Mr. Weizman said the Defense Ministry wanted to remove settlers of the Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) movement from the Shiloh site by force if necessary but the cabinet ruled they could stay as long as they were defined as an archaeological dig, Israel Radio said.

It added that most committee members criticised government handling of the affair.

Committee sources would not comment on the report.

A partial text of Foreign Minister Dayan's speech issued by the Foreign Ministry quoted him as saying: "I do not know of a single settlement which has been established not only since Sadat's visit but since this government was formed."

Israel's peace proposals were a package deal including demilitarisation and the maintenance of Israeli settlements as a security border strip protected by Israeli police, he told the

29th World Zionist Congress. "The policy of the government is not to establish new settlements. No new settlements have been established," he claimed.

PLO accuses Egypt of mounting hate campaign

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation today accused the Egyptian government of embarking on an anti-Palestinian hate campaign as a first step towards its disengagement from the Palestinian cause.

The PLO news agency, Wafa, made the charge in an editorial on a decision yesterday by Cairo to strip Palestinians living in Egypt of special privileges granted them by the late President Nasser more than two decades ago.

The editorial was the first official PLO reaction to the decision which has caused widespread anger and dismay even among Palestinians not linked to any of the commando groups under the umbrella of the PLO.

The editorial said the Egyptians had merely seized on the Cyprus event "as a convenient pretext for their anti-Palestinian measures." It harshly condemned the two gunmen's "terrorist attack" and said they were hired agents without links to any Palestinian organisation.

Nicosia court tries Sibai's killers

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb. 28 (AP). — One of two gunmen charged with murder admitted killing Mr. Youssef Sibai, editor of the semi-official Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram, "because he was a friend of Israel," a witness told a Nicosia court of inquest today.

"We are Palestinians. We came specially for that man, to kill him, because he was a friend of Israel and wrote some articles in his newspaper against the Palestinians," Georgios Georgiou, a Greek Cypriot policeman, quoted the gunman, Samir Mohammad Khadar, as saying.

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the Larnaca airport clash. Mr. Georgiou, who was on security guard duty at the hotel, said he drew his gun and tried to shoot Khadar when he first saw him rounding up hostages moments after the Sibai shooting.

Two other cabaret girls, also befriended by the gunmen, gave similar evidence on the opening day of the inquest Monday.

One of the cabaret performers, Miss Panayota "Pitsa" Conidou, testified under questioning bow she and an Arab speaking friend called Sahara stayed with the two men in adjoining rooms at the Hilton the night before the killing.

She said the two men left the hotel about two hours before Mr. Sibai was shot dead outside the hotel bookshop.

Somali president consults Qadhafi

TRIPOLI, Feb. 28 (R). — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre arrived here today for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi which were expected to include developments in the Ogaden desert war.

Observers said it was possible that Somalia wanted the Libyan Jamahiriya to act as a mediator in the eight-month-old Ogaden war in which Somali forces are fighting Ethiopian troops backed by Russian and Cuban advisors for control of the disputed region.

President Siad Barre tore up a friendship treaty with the Soviet Union last year and since then the tide of the war has turned against the Somali forces who last year pushed the Ethiopians back to the strategic mountain city of Harar.

Arafat: Armed resistance is the only way to peace in Middle East

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (R). — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today only the armed actions of Palestinian resistance forces could restore peace to the Middle East.

In a militant speech to members of Fatah, the biggest commando group, he compared the Palestinian revolution with the Vietnam and Algerian wars of liberation and pledged that a Palestinian would one day raise an Arab flag over Jerusalem.

Mr. Arafat was speaking at the launching of three specialist guerrilla training courses at a Palestinian refugee camp outside Beirut.

"These training sessions mean that the revolution says to (U.S. President Jimmy) Carter and (Israeli Premier Menachem) Begin and their agents in the Arab World that there will never be reconciliation or peace in the region except through you who took up arms..." he said.

Just as the Vietnamese peasant, against an immense American war machine, was victorious, so a Palestinian would "sooner or later" raise the Arab flag in Jerusalem and "tell the conquerors that this land is Arab," he said.

Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said the Palestinian revolution, like the Algerian revolution, represented the militant identity of the Arab nation and so was the main fortress against "an imperialist-Zionist offensive."

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Not a very forceful performance for an old terrorist

The Israeli cabinet's decision over the weekend to maintain its stated policy on Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territory is an unfortunate but telling move. It indicates most clearly the domestic constraints within which Premier Menachem Begin's government has to act, particularly the pressures of rightist religious parties and the fervent nationalists for whom the right to settle in all of Palestine is supposedly granted by no less a figure than God himself.

Given these domestic pressures, it is understandably difficult for Mr. Begin and his government to come out with a clear statement against new settlements. But if it is difficult, it is not impossible, and it would be very useful, if there were real interest in Israel in keeping the negotiations with Egypt alive. The settlements have emerged as the most dramatic issue in the current bilateral negotiations, and their case is complicated by the different groups in Israel that support the settlements for different reasons. We see that, besides the religious parties, support for the settlements in Sinai comes from people such as Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who says the settlements are needed to assure the demilitarised status of the Sinai in the wake of a peace agreement. Others say that settlements are needed along the southern Sinai coast and the Gulf of Aqaba to assure the passage of Israeli ships.

Given these different pressures in Israel, Mr. Begin has little manoeuvring room, and the cabinet decision this week to stick to its policy of expanding and creating new settlements is a sign of weakness on the part of the Begin government. Unfortunately, this weakness comes as a reply to the daring moves of President Sadat, and in reply to the issue of settlements that has emerged as the most symbolic of Israeli aggression and usurped Arab sovereignty. Where it counts most, Mr. Begin has again given least.

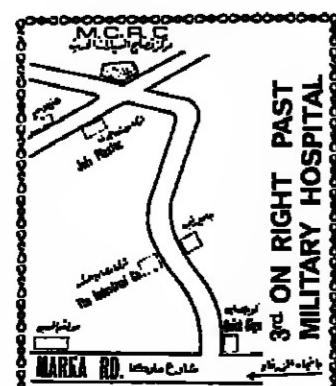
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AL RAI, on Tuesday, said one is beginning to wonder at the decisions and actions of the Egyptian government against Cyprus, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the Palestinian people and even against the Palestinian Cause. We all condemn the assassination of the Egyptian editor Youssef Sibai but the Egyptian reaction has reached unacceptable and unreasonable proportions. In contrast, five years ago when Jordan's Premier Wasfi Al Tall was shot dead by terrorists in Cairo Jordan never went to such extremes: Jordan did not hold Egypt responsible and it did not accuse the Palestinians of being terrorists.

AL DUSTOUR said while Egypt has restated its "historical and national commitment" to the Palestinian Cause the hope is it will re-examine its latest decisions, which amount to a cooling off of relations with the Palestinian brothers. In this connection one must ask why, since all Arab parties are agreed on a joint strategy towards the Middle East conflict, could not this be enough to prompt a stop to tactical differences among them in at least this delicate stage of developments? Until the better alternative of joint Arab action is available the Arabs must put an end to such bickering otherwise the outcome of continued quarrels might lead us all to disaster.

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New science helps in search for biblical city of Sodom

By Susan Balderstone
 Special to the Jordan Times

The relatively new science of paleoethnobotany is being used to help piece together the 5,000 year old puzzle of the ancient biblical "cities of the plain".

Paleoethnobotany? It is the study of plants used or gathered by ancient cultures.

This year's Albright fellow at the American Centre for Oriental Research, David McCrory, outlined the nature and uses of this science at a recent lecture at the centre to the Friends of Archaeology and others.

During two seasons of excavation at Bab Al D'ra and Numeira, near Mazra'a and the south-eastern shore of the Dead Sea, Mr. McCrory has been collecting and sorting plant remains with the aim of reconstructing the agricultural systems existing at the time of occupation of these sites, and learning the diet of the inhabitants.

Bab Al D'ra is located at the mouth of Wadi Kerak overlooking the peninsula which juts into the Dead Sea. It was first discovered as a significant archaeological site by Dr. Albright and Dr. Kyle of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem in 1924. They were searching for the five "cities of the plain" mentioned in Chapter XIV of the Book of Genesis (of which Sodom and Gomorrah are the best known). They collected sherds and excavated tombs and concluded that this was an Early Bronze Age site dating from 3,000-2,000 B.C.

Dr. Paul Lapp then excavated the site in 1965 and 1967 and established that it comprised a walled city to the north with a very extensive cemetery outside the city to the south. In fact it is believed to be the most vast Early Bronze Age cemetery yet discovered in the ancient Near East.

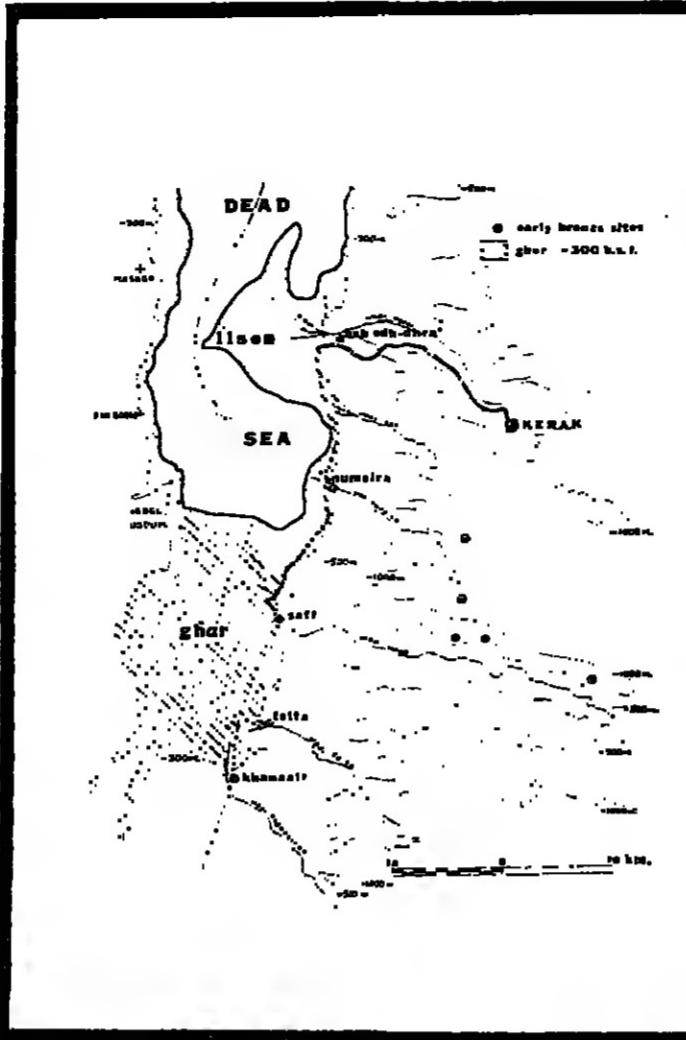
Four more sites

In 1973, two of Dr. Lapp's students, now Dr. Walter Kast and Dr. R. Thomas Schaub, surveyed the area and located four more ancient city sites contemporary with Bab Al D'ra. These are Numeira, Salt, Feila and Khanaizir, all located similarly to Bab Al D'ra at the mouths of their wadis, overlooking the plain.

Drs. Rast and Schaub began excavating Bab Al D'ra in 1975 with an interdisciplinary team including Mr. McCrory and a physical anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institute of America. The work of the anthropologist has been to collect bones from the tombs of the cemetery for analysis of genetic characteristics. It is hoped by this analysis to establish whether they belonged to one or more tribal or family groups and to determine their ethnic type.

Mr. McCrory demonstrated the apparatus which he used to isolate the plant remains from the soil and debris of the site. It comprises a special bucket and sieve. The bucket is filled with water and the soil sample is placed in the sieve which is then lowered into the water and gently and continually shaken. Since the only surviving plant remains were in a carbonised state and lightweight, they floated easily in the top (together with other carbonised material such as wood) and were skimmed off.

The job of sorting, identification and interpretation which then begins can raise difficult problems. Mr. McCrory said a significant problem is that due to distortion of a seed during carbonisation. Experts can disagree as to whether it is wheat or barley! In



A map of the area being searched for traces of the "cities of the plain."

addition it is impossible to be sure one has dug in all the places where plant remains may be found and certain types may be missed altogether.

Wealthy traders

However from the evidence discovered and analysed to date, Mr. McCrory believes that the Early Bronze Age inhabitants of Bab Al D'ra grew and/or used wheat and barley, dates, wild plums, peaches, flax, grapes, figs, pistachio nuts, almonds, olives, pine nuts, lentils, chick peas, pumpkin, watermelon and castor-oil plant. Of these the almonds and the fruit would have been imported from a higher altitude, perhaps only 20 or 30 kms. away. He suggests that the diet of these ancient people was therefore considerably more varied than that of the people of Mazra'a today, and that the ancient people were fairly wealthy and traded with their neighbours.

It seems fairly certain that irrigation was practised. Although it is believed that the climate there was more humid in those days, Mr. McCrory pointed out that the annual rainfall would have to have been five times as high as it is now for it to have been sufficient for dry-land farming. This he believes was unlikely. Also he noted that the

period of Abraham and Lot (according to the Bible, Lot lived at Sodom before its destruction) is somewhere around 1,900-1,750 B.C., there is a tantalizing discrepancy of 400-500 years.

Thus the fascinating speculation as to whether Bab Al D'ra is in fact the site of the ancient wicked city of Sodom seems likely to continue.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Friends of Archaeology meeting

The Friends of Archaeology will meet tonight at the British Council at 6:00 p.m. to elect new officers. New members and old members are expected to pay their annual subscriptions on this occasion.

Detective film

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Prince Hassan confers with U.S. delegation

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, today met an American delegation which represents a number of municipal councils in the United States of America and reviewed with the members of the delegation the situation in the West Bank of Jordan since the beginning of occupation and the pressures practised by the Israeli occupation forces on the people of the West Bank and

unesco mission discusses Jerusalem situation

Prince Hassan, also received today the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) fact-finding mission to the occupied Arab territory headed by Mr. Paul Mark Henry.

Discussion centred on gathering information about educational and cultural situations in the occupied lands of Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Information Abu Odeh, the Director of the Executive Office for Occupied Territory Affairs.

The UNESCO mission also met here today with the President of the Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs, H.E. Mr. Ahmad Toukan, and the Commissioner of Arab Jerusalem, Mr. Rouhi Al Kathif.

During the meeting the Jordanian side presented documents and maps which prove Israel's illegal practice in Jerusalem and the occupied Arab lands.

The meeting was attended by the president of the Jordanian Red Crescent Society, UNESCO representatives at the Ministry of Education and the director of the antiquities department.

Plea for help from Siad Barre

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today received a copy of the cable Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre sent to Arab Kings and presidents through the Arab League. The cable explained the dangerous situation Somalia is going through and called on all Arab states to back it against foreign aggression as stipulated in the Arab League charter and the joint Arab defence charter. He stressed that the aggression would affect not only Somalia but the Arab nation as a whole.

Snow? We love it, Alia's diverted passengers tell Canadian newspaper

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JTA). — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, weathered its first western blizzard in royal fashion earlier this month. What could have become an unhappy ordeal for 133 passengers on an Amman-New York flight became instead a pleasant diversion.

Flight 261, Alia's Boeing 747, took off at midday Feb. 6 from Amman International Airport in nice weather. But across the Atlantic a classic snowstorm was gathering force and had begun burying the northeastern United States as Flight 261 neared.

Rabbit found rooms at Loew's LaCite Hotel where the "Montreal Gazette" interviewed the disrupted but comfortable passengers as they stood in the glassed-in lobby and watched the wind pile up big snowdrifts outside. Many were on their way to sunny vacation spots like Florida and had no winter clothes along.

Some of the passengers and crew had never seen snow, much less a blizzard. For them, the sudden side trip to Canada proved quite a thrill.

"I've seen blowing sand before, but never blowing snow," Alia's co-pilot marveled to a Gazette reporter. The newspaper front-paged the story under the headline, "Diverted Travellers delighted at first glimpse of a blizzard." A photo of a woman passenger, Sylvia Karaby of Lebanon and her two-year-old daughter Carol, accompanied the story, depicting their delight at witnessing their first snowstorm.

The Alia passengers were stranded for 48 hours in Canada before New York was clear enough for them to complete their interrupted journey on Feb. 8.

"Making 133 people happy was not a small thing," sighed an exhausted but satisfied George Rabbat, when it was all over. He and his staff stayed right to the end with the passengers in the hotel to see to their needs and get them safely off again.

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National News Roundup

Silver Jubilee fund still collecting

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — The third collection of contributions for the Silver Jubilee Fund brought in \$37,000 it was announced today. Contributions came from four Jordanian banks as well as other institutions and companies. The Central Bank of Jordan, which is accepting contributions for the Fund, accepts cash as well as cheques which should be sent to the Fund's Board of Trustees, care of the Central Bank.

Algerian envoy ends two day visit

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — Algerian ambassador to Jordan, Mohammad Yazeed left here Monday after a two-day visit to Jordan. He met His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, and delivered to him a message to His Majesty the King from President Boumedienne of Algeria. The envoy also met the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hassan Ibrahim, with whom he reviewed current Arab affairs and the Middle East situation. He also toured front line positions and the Jordan Valley.

Jordanian envoy presents credentials to Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 28 (JNA). — Jordan's ambassador to West Germany, Ibrahim Izzeddine, today presented credentials to Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg as on-resident ambassador to the Grand Duchy. While presenting the credentials, the ambassador conveyed His Majesty, King Hussein's compliments to the Grand Duke and expressed the hope that strong economic relations be established between Jordan and Luxembourg. The ambassador also expressed Jordan's interest to see Luxembourg along with the EEC countries pursue efforts at finding a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problem.

Egyptian trade group visits Aqaba

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — Members of the Egyptian delegation on Monday visited Aqaba port, accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The visit comes within a programme especially drawn up to acquaint them with Jordan's most important industrial and commercial projects and methods of shipment from Aqaba to Arab and European harbours. Egyptian delegation had held several meetings in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, discussing aspects of Jordanian-Egyptian trade cooperation in order to draw up a new trade protocol defining products to be exported to Egypt and those to be imported by Jordan under the Arab common market agreement.

Beggars rounded up

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — The Social Affairs Department, in cooperation with the Public Security Department, today carried out a campaign in the market places of Amman to rid them of beggars and vagrants. Twenty-one people altogether were found, including some juveniles, and it was decided to admit them to social institutions for their rehabilitation. A source at the Department of Social Affairs said that similar campaigns are to be carried out again in Amman and other towns.

Digging back 4,000 years

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — A team from the Antiquities Department and the University of Jordan have started excavations in Tal Al Mazar in the Jordan Valley in continuation of the work carried out there last year. The director of the Antiquities Department, Dr. Adnan Hadidi, said that the team's work this season is aimed at uncovering further ancient layers of residential quarters at Tal Al Mazar as well as tombs dating back to the Cannanite and Ammonian epochs (2,000 and 1,000 BC respectively).

Police course graduates

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — A graduation ceremony for 24 Public Security officers was held here today at the Royal Police Academy. The officers from the intelligence, and traffic departments have completed eight-week courses studying subjects ranging from traffic laws to criminal investigations and public relations. The Director of the Public Security Department, Lt. Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat who sponsored the graduation pointed out the importance of the officers' work and reviewed the different stages of evolution which the Royal Police Academy had gone through. At the end of the ceremony, he distributed diplomas to the graduates and prizes to those excelling in their courses.

UK help for Irbid area electricity

IRBID, Feb. 28 (JNA). — A team of British experts has concluded technical and financial studies for the Irbid district electricity plan in general and the Kfarat region in particular. The study included distribution stations and transmission lines. An Irbid electricity company source stated that an agreement was reached with Britain under which the Kfarat electricity project will be loaned JD 3 million.

Agriculture cooperation with Michigan mooted

IRBID, Feb. 28 (JNA). — The Michigan State secretary of agriculture visited on Monday Yarmouk University and was acquainted on its accomplishments and future plans. The University President, Dr. Adnan Badran, discussed with the American visitor possible cooperation between the Michigan State Agriculture Department and the university Faculty of Agriculture after it has been established.

\$10m loan for Jordan discussed

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA). — The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Farhi Ubedi, returned here Monday from Cairo after attending the meetings of the Arab African Bank board of directors. Mr. Ubedi said that during the three day meetings which started on Feb. 24th the board discussed the subject of investments and the granting of loans to a number of Arab and African countries including Jordan. The board also ratified the general budget of the bank and recommended that ten per cent of the profits be distributed to the share holding states.

Besides attending the meetings, Mr. Ubedi held what he described as "successful talks" with the chairman of the board and other officials over obtaining a \$10 million loan to finance a 360-room hotel now under construction by the Jordan Hotels and Resthouses Corporation.

Econoscope

Inspection, observation, follow-up, supervision, etc...

Last week the Science and Technology Policy Conference issued its recommendations. They certainly proved to be worth the efforts while, and came as a partial realisation of a national aspiration.

But this is not the only notable conference of its kind that takes place. In Jordan this year, other conferences of note will be held such as the conference on water and irrigation, another on women's affairs, and probably a conference on telecommunications.

OK!! so far so good. The conferences have become an art which Jordanians have come to master. But what happens to implementation? Who makes sure that the sweat of highly specialised conferers will be at least given post-perennial consideration?

This state of affairs is not only limited to conferences but extends to more critical areas. Let us look through a surveyor's eye at some of the living examples.

The Accountancy Department is established to observe the government's financial behaviour and make sure that each department spends in conformity with the Budget laws and other relevant regulations.

The Ministry of Supply observes the supply policy in Jordan and makes sure (or tries) to observe pricing policy and punish violators.

The Ministry of Labour inspects organised firms and checks whether they apply the provisions of the Labour Law.

The Central Bank carries out current inspection on commercial banks and observes their compliance with the regulations and directives issued by it.

By Jawad Ahmad

The Amman Municipality observes health standards and construction activity to ensure proper adherence to concerned laws.

The list could extend inexhaustibly. The task of follow-up for instance is carried out by such departments as the National Planning Council, the Specialised Credit Institutions and the Ministry of Public Works.

Other Departments observe activities and inspect on them such as the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Department of Social Affairs, etc.

One may go on an on forever. Yet there are certain remarks that must be taken into account:

First, there is duplication. Health for instance in firms is the function of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and the municipality concerned. Who should do what is not always clear.

Second, there are cases of contradiction. While the Ministry of Supply works at ensuring vegetables and fruits in sufficient quantities in the market, other agricultural departments want to encourage their export.

Third: There is always demand for more supervision a follow-up on all government departmental and inter-departmental levels. There is a bias which is actually increasing the scope of such activities.

The cost of supervision, follow-up, inspection, et al. is truly high and the returns are not convincing. It is about time these activities are coordinated, minimized and made more efficient. This could be the best way ever to cut government recurring expenditure.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Nominal share value	Volume traded	Opening price	Highest selling price	Lowest selling price	Closing price	Last buying bid	Last selling bid
1* Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	38	1.400	1.350	1.350	1.350	—	—
2 Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	410	2.150	2.150	2.150	2.150	—	2.200
3 Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	744	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000	—	—
4 Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	652	2.150	2.250	2.200	2.200	2.200	—
5 Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	2,043	1.400	1.350	1.350	1.350	—	—
6 Jordan Cement Factory	JD 10.000	3,374	15.900	15.850	15.800	15.850	—	—
7 Jordan Ceramics Factory	JD 1.000	1,050	1.000	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.000	1.050
8 Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	1,183	6.850	6.900	6.850	6.850	6.900	—

* 50 per cent of share capital paid.

Total volume traded, Tuesday, Feb. 28: JD 9,444.

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Iran favours review of policy of oil pricing in dollars

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R). — Iran indicated yesterday that U.S. success or failure in stemming the decline in the dollar could be a crucial factor in whether oil exporting nations continue to fix oil prices in dollars. After a one-hour meeting with Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, Iranian Finance Minister Mohammad Yeganeh told reporters that his nation favours reviewing the current policy of pricing oil in dollars.

But he stressed that his nation has not decided its ultimate stand. Member nations of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) "are concerned with the erosion of the dollar and hope U.S. efforts are successful," Mr. Yeganeh said.

Mr. Yeganeh said the issue would probably come up at the May meeting of OPEC finance ministers as well as the June meeting of oil ministers. Mr. Blumenthal, who was due at Congress immediately

after his meeting with Mr. Yeganeh, did not comment to reporters. A Treasury spokesman declined to comment on the Iranian minister's remarks.

A decision by Iran to push for a break between the link between OPEC oil prices and the dollar could set the stage for what has become a classic confrontation inside OPEC. Kuwait and Qatar have said they want to consider the issue, but Mr. Blumenthal said Saudi Arabian officials had told him they did not want to

U.S. senator calls for international oil price agreement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R). — Senator Frank Church yesterday called for an international agreement on oil pricing similar to those for other basic commodities, saying such a move would benefit both producers and consumers.

Senator Church, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy, said his plan would provide for an internationally negotiated oil price range to replace prices voluntarily imposed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

This would mean consuming nations would be represented by governments instead of the multinational oil companies.

The senator told a subcommittee hearing that national

U.S. miners' union leaders brief members on proposals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R). — Miners' union leaders yesterday began briefing members on a proposed settlement of the U.S. coal strike as administration officials waited anxiously for news of the results.

President Carter prayed with his Bible class Sunday that the 160,000 striking miners would be moved by "strong courage, clear guidance and full intellect" to voting to end the strike.

The long stalemate has jeopardised U.S. fuel supplies and raised prospects of thousands of layoffs in other industries.

United Mine Workers (UMW) union officials here were instructing district leaders and some rank-and-file members on the details of the agreement with soft-coal mine operators.

But some doubts remained whether the deal would be ratified -- a process taking 10 days.

While appealing to the miners' sense of patriotism to accept a settlement, administration officials sought to avert any appearance that they were campaigning overtly for an affirmative vote.

Labour Secretary Ray Marshall Sunday expressed optimism that the deadlock was about to end.

"This is hands-off time for us because the decision now is up to the miners," Mr. Marshall said on a television news programme Sunday. "We will let the democratic process take its effect."

The settlement would give the miners an increase in wages and benefits of almost 38 per cent over the next three years.

Even if the union members ratify the agreement, it is expected to take at least two weeks to get the mines reopened.

Israel's judges, bus drivers go on strike

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (R). — Magistrates throughout Israel today walked out of their court rooms to discuss demands for higher pay.

The judges have demanded big increases but Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich suggested they should hold off negotiations until April.

Also about 600 striking bus drivers fought police yesterday and tried to paralyse the country's bus transport.

Sixteen drivers were arrested and one policeman was slightly injured in the melee, a police spokesman said.

The violence appeared to herald a new wave of strikes likely to hit the inflation-ridden economy.

Besides the 3,000 bus drivers, airport maintenance men stopped work briefly Monday and merchant seamen maintained their six week strike.

ICFTU accuses Tunisia of breaking ILO conventions

BRUSSELS, Feb. 28 (R). — The world's largest non-communist trade union grouping yesterday accused Tunisia of breaking the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions by jailing more than 100 trade union leaders.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), which claims a worldwide affiliation of 55 million workers in some 90 countries, said in a statement it had lodged a formal protest at the ILO office in Geneva alleging Tunisia's infringement of trade union rights.

Tunisian police imprisoned an undisclosed number of people during anti-government riots last month in which at least 47 people were killed. The ICFTU said Tunisia was in breach of Article 87 of the ILO convention, which provides for freedom of association. It said more than 100 union leaders had been in jail since Jan. 26. No charges had been preferred against them. They allowed visits from their families in exceptional cases.

The ICFTU, based here, said it had asked the ILO to pursue the complaint under its emergency procedure.

West Germany cuts trade deficit with Arab countries

BONN, Feb. 28 (R). — West Germany cut its trade deficit with Arab countries to \$65 million marks (\$325 million) last year from \$235 billion marks (\$1.11 billion) in 1976, the Economics Ministry said yesterday.

It said West German exports to the Arab World increased by nearly 11 per cent to 16.15 billion marks (\$8 billion) in 1977. Imports decreased by 0.8

per cent to 16.32 billion marks (\$8.5 billion).

Oil accounts said West Germany bought 61.8 million tons of oil from Arab suppliers last year -- about two million tons less than in 1976. Total oil imports last year were 96.3 million tons with about 20 per cent of West Germany's oil imports coming from Libya and Iran.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.9410/20	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0145/65	West German marks
	2.1655/85	Dutch guilders
	1.8125/8200	Swiss francs
	31.40/45	Belgian francs
	4.7675/7750	French francs
	852.00/75	Italian lire
	238.05/25	Japanese yen
	4.6130/60	Swedish crowns
	5.3130/60	Norwegian crowns
	5.5800/30	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock prices closed higher Tuesday but were off the top in generally quiet trading, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 2.7 at 445.

Government bonds reacted to a recommendation by the executive committee of British engineering unions for strike action to support a national pay claim, dealers said. Appreciation that the National Institute for Economic and Social Research may issue a negative quarterly review tomorrow also tended to reduce gains in government bonds from 5/8 to 1/4 point. Industrial leaders held quite firm.

Gold shares were steady while Australian stocks firmed. U.S. and Canadian stocks eased.

National Westminster Bank ended 5p higher after its final results. Imperial Metal Industries showed no reaction to its lower earnings figures report but the price firmed 2p ahead of the announcement.

Sedgewick Forbes rose 14p after announcing increased profits for 1978. Elsewhere industrial leaders such as Fisons firmed unchanged and ICI added 3p. Bats put on 7sp while Freedman showed a net gain of 2p.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Jordanian dinar Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	310.00/312.00
U.K. sterling	602.00/605.00
W. German mark	151.70/152.50
Swiss franc	165.50/166.40
French franc	65.00/65.50
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.30/36.50
Japanese yen (for every 100)	128.80/130.50
Dutch guilder	142.10/142.90
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.20/97.50
Swedish crown	67.50/67.70

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$182.00/oz.

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1-1 Instrument landing system cat. II can be up-graded to cat. III.
1-2 VHF - omnidirectional range (VOR) colocated with distance measuring equipment. D.M.E.
1-3 Non-directional radio beacon.

2. Meteorological and associated weather measuring equipment.

3. Air traffic control systems consist of the following :

3-1 ATC desk equipped with radio channels, panel for direct telephone lines, intercom lines, meteorological equipment, digital clocks, provision for future radar display. Panels for monitoring ILS, VOR - DME and NDB shall be coordinated with the Navaids. With all related central and associated equipment, cables, wires.

— No break power supply system.

3-2 Air to ground VHF and UHF radio subsystem complete with remote and local control equipment, to be connected to the control desk with all associated cables, wires and no break power supply.

3-3 Multi channel recorder to record all channels.

3-4 Microwave link between QAIP and the receiving station main and hot standby with 48 channels complete system.

3-5 All necessary teleprinters and associated equipment (system).

4. Airport ground communications system include the following :

— Private automatic branch exchange.
— Land mobil radio services.
— Complete system with cables, wires, telephone sets, portable transceivers, repeaters.

5. Public address systems.

Flight information displays.
Closed circuit T.V. surveillance system with all inside and outside cables, wires and associated equipment.

6. Air field lighting system includes-supply-installation-testing-guarantee of operation-hand-over (turn key job) of the following : 6-1 Air field lighting cat. II consist of :

Runway edge lighting, Runway centre line and touch down zone light. Precision approach cat. II, modified culvert system, three bars VASI, taxiway edge and centre line lighting. Apron flood lights, markers, wind cone illumination, hold position sign / stop bars, identification beacon etc. Local and remote control.

6-2 All inside and outside plant. Cables wires and associated control equipment, solid state constant current regulators and other associated equipment for the above including cat. II short break standby power system. According to ICAO document.

7. Control tower cat.

— Shall be of modular structure.
— Shall house the air traffic control facilities with an area between 50 - 60 square metres. The cab shall have a mechanical room with about the same area to house radio and other equipment.
— The cab shall be air conditioned to environmental conditions.
— The floor of the cab will be 35 metres roughly above the level of the ground.

Contractors who previously submitted prequalification for this work are required to re-apply for prequalification under this notice.

Applications for prequalification shall be submitted before noon on April 8, 1978.

Minister of Transport

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AMMAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Notice of International Competitive Bidding

and

INVITATION TO TENDERING

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is negotiating a Credit from the US Agency for International Development to partially finance a construction programme of the Water Supply and Sewerage Extensions for the City of Amman, and it is intended that proceeds of this Credit will be applied to payments under the contracts for which this notice is issued. Bidding will be open to contractors and equipment suppliers from U.S. Contractors, Jordanian contractor, and contractors from countries eligible under AID Geographic Code 941. Only tenders from contractors experienced in similar works of this magnitude with proper personnel, equipment and sound financial position, which would be part of evaluation, will be considered.

The works to be carried out will be in principle, divided into six contracts as follows :

Contract No. Description

IS	Supply and laying of sanitary Sewers, in the central, eastern part of Amman. Approx total length of mains, laterals and house connection is 65 kms.
5WS	Laying of about 74 kms. of water pipes of different diameters in J. Amman, Abdoun and Shmeisani. Supply and laying of about 59 kms. of sanitary sewers in the same area. Civil works for one booster station and one sewage pumping station.
12ST	Changes to existing sewage treatment plant.
13ST	Sludge digester.
14ST	Sludge drying beds.
15ST	Sludge drying beds, second extension.

Tender documents for contracts IS & 5WS will be available separately from AWSA by May 1st, 1978, and the closing date for bidding has been set at 12:00 noon July 1, 1978. AWSA will consider tenders postmarked no later than June 16, 1978. Envelopes must be clearly marked IS & 5WS accordingly. The price for each set of these documents is JD 100.—

Tender documents for contracts 12 ST through 15 ST will be available from AWSA by June 1st, 1978 and the closing date for bidding has been set at 12:00 noon July 31, 1978. AWSA will consider tenders postmarked no later than July 15, 1978. Prices for the tender documents of contracts 12 ST through 15 will be as follows :

12 ST	JD 30.—
13 ST	JD 75.—
14 ST	JD 50.—
15 ST	JD 50.—

Envelopes must be clearly marked 12 ST, 13 ST, 14 ST, 15 ST accordingly.

Tahsin Sabbagh
General Manager

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1, 1978

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

in the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The new month starts on a note of caution and you would be unwise to state your views if they are contrary to those of your associates. Word of encouragement to companions is helpful.

RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You could be anxious to start a new project, but don't be premature in doing so, unless you are better organized.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make sure you don't fail to pay an important bill. Avoid arguing with your wife and maintain harmony now, being enjoyed.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Not a good day to have a争ence with associates or you could get into trouble. It's a delightful evening with your mate.

JOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you file a new work assignment in a clever way and get instant results, be more cooperative with co-worker.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A creative matter should be used early in the day for best results. Avoid one who is us of you. Express happiness.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Stop ranting over home items but let them work themselves out naturally. Be more objective is wise at this time.

BRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You must use extreme care today to avoid possible accident. Speak quietly and avoid arguments with others.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make plans to build your savings account so you will have greater security in the re. Avoid a troubleshaker.

AGITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Quietly analyze progress in career matters and know where to make movements. Take no chances with your health.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more objective in ying your existence and you'll know best way to get inhibitions. Relax at home tonight.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Steer clear of instances who like to find fault and cultivate those make you feel better.

ISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Whatever you have to do in affairs should be handled tactfully at this time for results. Show others you have wisdom.

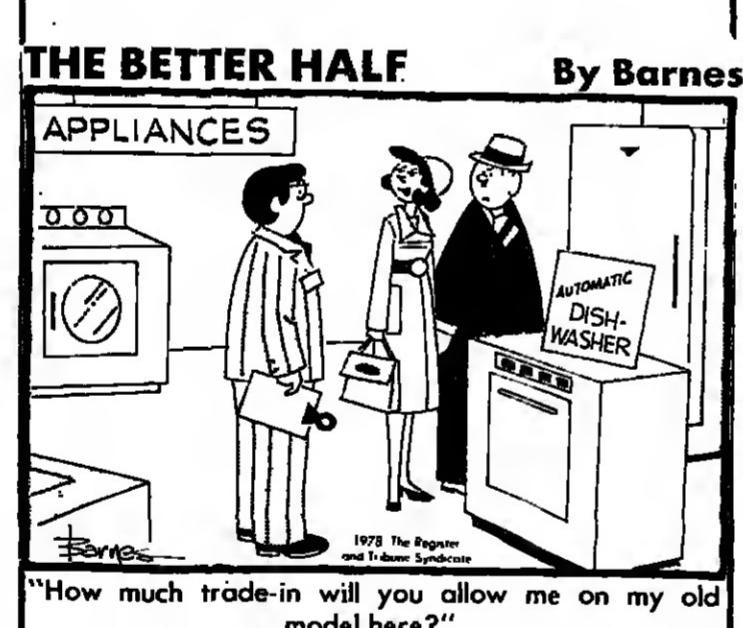
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8:00 Ocean	8:20 News; 24 Hours
8:15 Caravans	8:30 Sarah Ward
8:20 Arabic programme	8:30 News; Commentary
7:30 I dream of Jeannie	8:30 Saturday Review
7:45 Yasser	8:30 Jazz for the Asking
8:00 News in Arabic	8:30 News; 24 Hours
8:30 Love thy neighbour	8:30 Sarah Ward
8:10 Debut of Dora Street	8:30 News; Reflections
8:20 Arabic programme	8:30 World Radio Club
8:30 Arabic series	8:30 Terry Wogan
8:45 Arabic programme	8:30 News; Press Review
8:50 Arabic series	8:30 Sports Round-up
9:00 Arabic programme	8:30 Financial News
9:15 Arabic series	8:30 Paperbacks
9:30 Arabic programme	8:30 Talkshow
9:45 Arabic series	8:30 How to be a Missionary
10:00 Arabic programme	8:30 News; News about Britain
10:15 Arabic series	8:30 When Nothing Else is News
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Further poll triumphs firmly restore Gandhi to national politics

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (R). — Mrs. Indira Gandhi emerged from political wilderness as the country's most powerful opposition leader today after stunning election victories in two major southern Indian states. Her runaway success in Karnataka where her new party, the Indira Congress, won two-thirds of the seats, and in Andhra Pradesh makes it certain that Mrs. Gandhi, at 60, will again play a key role in national politics.

Mrs. Gandhi inflicted a humiliating defeat on her opponents in the official Congress Party and humbled the national ruling Janata Party. Her future had been in the balance since she was ousted after 11 years as prime minister last March and then lost the support of senior leaders of her Congress Party.

Results were still coming in today from three other states where Legislative Assembly elections were held last weekend but it appeared no party would win outright majority in any of them.

The Janata Party made its best showing in the western Indian state of Maharashtra, centered on Bombay, where it won 51 of the first 150 seats decided. But this still left it well short of the 145 it needs to form a state government in its own right.

The official Congress Party also made its best showing in this state with 37 seats so far against 25 for the Indira Congress and a total of 24 to other parties.

The Indira Congress swept to power in Andhra Pradesh just before midnight last night, winning the 148 seats it needed for an absolute majority.

The Janata Party took 49 seats in the 294-member assembly and the official Congress Party 22.

Mrs. Gandhi's continuing appeal was most clearly demonstrated in Andhra Pradesh where unknown candidates contesting on her ticket defeated sitting members of the last assembly.

Mrs. Gandhi's party won 151 seats in Karnataka out of a total of 224.

Karnataka's former Chief Minister Devaraj Urs, ousted from office six weeks ago when the central government imposed presidential rule on the state, was sworn-in for a second term today. He was Mrs. Gandhi's key ally when she split the Congress Party on Jan. 2 after a bitter dispute over who should lead it.

Mr. Brahmananda Reddy,

shortly after lunchtime yesterday.

They occupied the building for 90 minutes holding four diplomats including the Iranian ambassador inside before being dragged out, kicking and screaming anti-government slogans, by some 20 police who stormed the building.

Before being ejected, the students hung an Iranian flag daubed with the Swastika emblem of Nazi Germany outside a window.

The incident was the first of its kind since East Germany emerged from diplomatic isolation in the early 1970s and seemed certain to cause diplomatic concern about embassy security here.

A spokesman for the students said they were protesting against police action towards demonstrators in the northern Iranian town of Tabriz ten days ago.

The Tehran government said nine people had been killed and 125 injured in riots it alleged were led by Islamic Marxists. The spokesman charged yesterday that police action had caused a "bloodbath" in which 2,000 people died.

The officials East German news agency ADN said the students were under temporary arrest charged with breaking and entering and violating the embassy's territory.

More curbs in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 28 (R). — Pakistan's military government today banned politicians accused of misconduct from further political activity until cleared by a special tribunal. Among the first to be affected by the new order will be Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto who took over leadership of the Pakistan People's Party after her husband, former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was arrested and put on trial for murder.

Panama Canal accords pass 1st test in U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP). — The Panama Canal treaties survived a crucial test yesterday when the Senate killed an amendment that would have made a major change in terms of the pact.

The amendment was tabled by a vote of 55 to 34.

The amendment, which provided the first test of strength on a substantive issue since the debate on the treaties began, would have allowed the president to keep American troops in the canal zone for 20 years after the waterway is turned over to the Panamanians.

Sen. James B. Allen, chief sponsor of the amendment and a leader of the anti-treaty forces, said later that the vote indicated "senators are becoming more independent."

A two-thirds vote is required to approve treaties and if the opponent could hold the 34 votes they had on the Allen proposal they could block ratification. The treaty drafted by negotiators requires that all U.S. troops be withdrawn by the year 2000. Thereafter, the United States would be empowered to take whatever actions it deemed necessary to defend against any threat to the waterway.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd characterised the proposed change as a "killer amendment... It thoroughly and unmistakably and unquestionably and indubitably unravels the treaties, opening them to renegotiation." Mr. Byrd told his colleagues. He said it was not necessary for the security of the canal, and that the prolonged presence of American troops "would result in the kind of hostile atmosphere we want to avoid."

Mr. Allen said the authority to keep troops in the zone for an additional 20 years was necessary for security reasons. He said the treaty's security provisions, including the requirement for withdrawal of all troops by 2000, "give us the right but deprives us of the means" to defend the waterway.

Mr. Allen acknowledged, under questioning by his colleagues, that adoption of the amendment would not cause him to support the treaty. He said he would be satisfied only with authority to keep U.S. troops in the canal zone for perpetuity.

U.S. senator believes it "illogical" to sell planes to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R). — President Carter's proposal to sell Saudi Arabia 60 sophisticated F-15 fighters was called "illogical and ill-advised" by an influential senator yesterday.

Sen. Richard Stone, a Florida Democrat and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said in a Senate speech that the sale, together with earlier sales of Hawk missiles, "might threaten Israel". Sen. Stone was one of seven members of the foreign relations committee who wrote to President Carter on Jan. 24 urging him to postpone the sale and warning that it would "destabilise the Arab-Israeli balance of power."

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